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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: U.S.S.N. 09/518,165

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FILED: March 1, 2000

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TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING)
PRESENCE OF TARGET)
BACTERIA OR A TARGET)
COMPONENT)
CARBOHYDRATE)
ANTIGEN THEREOF)

GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

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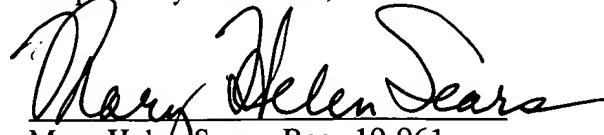
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EXAMINER: Ja-Na Hines

REQUEST PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. §1.129 FOR ENTRY AND
CONSIDERATION OF FIRST SUBMISSION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Applicants hereby respectfully request that the response to the final rejection mailed March 20, 2003 which is concurrently being filed be entered in the captioned application and considered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.129. A check for \$375.00 to pay the small entity fee for filing this submission, as required in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(r) accompanies this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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